

SENATE RESOLUTION 196

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Michael Wright upon winning the 2010 USA Diving Winter Nationals one-meter springboard national championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful individuals who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, Michael Wright is one such individual who recently won national prominence and renown after he finished in first place at the 2010 USA Diving Winter Nationals one-meter springboard competition on February 8, 2010, at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a native of Forest Park, Illinois, Michael Wright is a student at the University of Tennessee and the first African-American member of the Volunteers Swimming and Diving Team, having transferred from Indian River Community College in 2008; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational champion, Michael Wright has made US diving history with his victory, becoming the first African-American to ever win a USA Diving national title in a diving competition; and

WHEREAS, currently red-shirting for the Volunteers this season after swimming as a junior last spring, Mr. Wright shattered the previous high-score for a UT diver on the one-meter springboard, set by former Olympian Jevon Tarantino, as he scored 396.00 on his way to claiming the national title; and

WHEREAS, through his dedication and hard work, Mr. Wright has excelled in the rigors and demands of this meticulously precise sport, and winning this national competition is an

incredible feat and a testament to his expertise as well as the training and guidance of UT Diving Coach Dave Parrington; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright epitomizes all that is good in athletic competition; he has achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in every facet of his daily life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of Michael Wright have not only made possible a stellar diving performance in competition, but also bode well for his success in every future enterprise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Michael Wright of the University of Tennessee for his success and skill in diving and applaud his historic victory in the one-meter springboard national championship at the 2010 USA Diving Winter Nationals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.